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I am Sandra Carbonari, the immediate past president of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the current medical director. I have been a primary care pediatrician for over 30 years.

The **mission of the American Academy of Pediatrics** is to ***attain optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents and young adults***. Pediatricians are trained specialists and experts on children's health. We are fortunate to have outstanding, nationally and internationally recognized pediatricians in our state who have expertise in all areas of children's health.

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, representing 1000 pediatricians in the state would like to support House Bill *6025 AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION UNDER SUPERVISION.*

The CT-AAP supports the ability to delegate the administration of certain forms of medication to medical assistants who are appropriately trained and have been credentialed by a nationally accredited organization.   Legislation should establish limitations and conditions under which such delegation can occur, and not change the level of supervision required for medical assistants. Currently, direct supervision of medical assistants is required in which the physician is present at the site in which the services are being provided.

In a busy pediatric office, many vaccines can be given in a day. The ability for MAs to be delivering the vaccines to children under direct supervision would be a great relief for some pediatric offices. More services could be provided in a shorter time period while maintaining the same high standards for care quality.

We request the opportunity to work with committee members to remove the reference to the limited locations to achieve the intended benefit of the original intent of the scope review process.